

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2013, 7:30 P.M.  
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**M I N U T E S**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, Larry Ruggiero, Gregory Cota, William Schuyler, and Mary White

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kevin Posey

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Sandra Marks, Acting Deputy Director, Ravi Raut, Studies Engineer, Chris Dowling, Transportation Coordinator, Christopher Spera, City Attorney, and Hillary Poole, Complete Street Coordinator.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: Item number 4, the appeal of the suspension of Mr. Sebry Adem, was deferred.
2. Approval of the minutes from the January 28, 2012, Traffic and Parking Board Meeting: Mr. Cota made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero. The Traffic and Parking Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2012 Traffic and Parking Board meeting.
3. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:** There were no reports or updates presented to the Traffic and Parking Board.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to appeal the suspension of Mr. Sebry Adem's driver permit #774, Yellow Cab vehicle permit #279, for four days for refusal to carry a passenger.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** This item was deferred.

**BOARD ACTION:** This item was deferred.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to require taxicabs to accept credit card payment.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Sebry Adem, Samsom T. Haile, Daniel Berhane, Ikram Khan, Aurora Vasquez, Kyle Summers, F. Allen Norman Jr., Ahmad Latif, and Chand Dodhy spoke in favor of the request but suggested modifications needed to be made if they were to support. Mr. Fikru Amdemeskel and Francis Samba spoke against the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero recommending the following:

1. Credit card and cash payment be accepted for all trips regardless of the amount of payment;
2. Cabs accept all major credit cards;
3. No surcharge for credit card use;
4. Preauthorization of credit cards be allowed;
5. All credit card devices and systems shall be PCI compliant;
6. Study credit card usage among drivers and companies in the City and ways to minimize the financial impacts on drivers, owners and riders caused by any change in City policy, including fare adjustments, caps on company charges, and appropriate receipts provided to customers.

The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ruggiero, Mr. Cota, and Mr. Schuyler voting in favor of the motion and Ms. White voting against the motion.

6. **ISSUE:** Request to replace one parking space on the south side of the unit block of King Street with eight bicycle parking spaces.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Jerry King and Johnathan Krall, spoke in favor of the request. Ms. Yvonne Weight Callahan spoke against the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Cota made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero, to approve the request to replace one parking space with eight bicycles parking spaces on the south side of the unit block of King Street. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 25, 2013**